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An Introduction to How Virtual Reality is Helping
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Introduction

Manufacturing is an industry that thrives on structure, organization, and attention to detail. It's a field where precision and problem-solving skills are especially useful.

Because of this, schools that specialize in manufacturing education have seen their popularity grow in recent years. However, these schools face new challenges when teaching students about the processes used in modern manufacturing environments. Questions like:

- How can we make students' lessons more hands-on and engaging?
- How can we give students a better sense of what it's like to work in a manufacturing environment?

The answer depends on virtual reality (VR). This article explores how you can use VR to make your curriculum more engaging and prepare students for life after graduation. Stay tuned!



VR in Manufacturing Education: An Introduction

VR is enjoying widespread usage in various fields, including healthcare and marketing. It's a technology that has grown rapidly in popularity and accessibility over the past decade — making it a perfect tool for today's manufacturers.

Even though manufacturers have many options for teaching tools and technologies, VR is quickly becoming one of the most essential. Here's why:

VR allows schools to put students right in the middle of the action. With VR, students can see what a professional manufacturing environment looks, feels, and sounds like. They'll be able to touch, feel, and interact with what they see and hear.

VR also gives students an opportunity to experience things that would be impossible to replicate in the real world, such as what it's like to work in zero gravity.

Indeed, VR allows manufacturing students to do what they're learning about and explore the real-world challenges associated with manufacturing.



Using VR to Teach Students about Manufacturing Processes

There are many ways to use VR to help your students learn about manufacturing processes. Some academic programs will pair VR with augmented reality simulators. These simulators will let you and your students explore different manufacturing processes from the safety of a classroom setting.

If you're interested in using VR in the classroom, you'll need software programs that support the creation of virtual environments. Once you have the software, you can reuse the settings repeatedly, letting you and your students explore the same virtual environment multiple times.

You can also use VR to create virtual field trips. Let your students visit manufacturing facilities worldwide and see the environments their products are being manufactured— giving them a better sense of life after graduation.



Using VR to Help Prepare Students for Manufacturing Jobs

Of course, VR can give employees a leg up in manufacturing job interviews and onboarding processes. VR can help you learn what interviewers are looking for by letting you experience a mock interview; better still, you can use a VR onboarding simulator to get up to speed right from your first day on the job.

VR also allows manufacturing employees to easily come to terms with the basic tools, practices, and procedures they use daily. You can also use VR to let students experience the manufacturing workplace differently.

If you're in an academic setting, you can also use VR to help your students experience the manufacturing environment from the point of view of an engineer, an accountant, or a manager.



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Virtual reality is now a household name in multiple industries. And thankfully, its opportunities are endless, so even if you haven't integrated VR into your manufacturing process or teaching curriculum, don't fret! You're on time for the party.

Although it won't remain this way forever—the party is already underway. Today is a great day to loosen the purse string and [get classroom VR working for you](#).



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